

I'm a Boeing 777 International Captain for American Airlines who will be 60 on 2/9/2003. I just passed a first class FAA physical and consider myself to be a good shape.

Now more than ever you have to eliminate the age 60 rule so the airlines can defer BILLIONS in training costs until they get back on their feet. You must allow pilots who have lost 99% of their retirement funds (United Airlines) due to the downturn in company stock and have no place to go to continue to fly. By keeping the age 60 rule at this time, your ruining the lives of pilots who worked for years and have nothing to show for it except almost worthless stock certificates and retirement funds that are eroding at alarming rates(American Airlines) because of the roller coaster stock market.

If so many foreign countries allow their pilots to fly beyond 60, we can do the same. Especially now!

Capt. Jim Marino